

the provincial Subject Association with Esther's strong voice and work as well as inside Ministry support has resulted in inclusion. The course focus this year includes assessment and evaluation and the new grade 11 courses. A joint team, working together for a full day, fleshed out the workshop outline created by Esther and the TDSB team, and created the teaching strategies, workshop materials and handouts. Angela Di Prima has been hired to lead a team of facilitators and will attend the two-day OTF workshop for facilitators in July.

MOE, Faculties of Education and Subject Associations joint information/discussion

Rose Dotten and I attended the June two-day MOE update and communications sessions at OISE/University of Toronto. It truly was a three-way sharing and communications opportunity. We learned first hand about topics such as the three strands of teacher testing, the literacy initiatives, assessment and evaluation and exemplar projects, dialogue breakout groups by subjects and issues. This is all part of Partnerships and ongoing learning/teaching role of OSLA.

Portfolio: @ your library

led by Kendra Godin-Svoboda

Passion Up @ your library - what a slogan!

An exciting new venture, unfolding as we speak, is the @ your library project. There's an enthusiasm already with slogans linking to the phrase in all manner of creative ways.

Kendra, in her region of Durham, has already had joint meetings with public and school libraries as an @ your library orientation and brainstorming. It's inspiring to listen to Kendra as she talks about the "Passioning Up" in her region with pamphlets, posters, signs, brainstormed slogans and the involvement of local personalities. "It's grassroots," explains Kendra, "and it's global. It's about empowering ourselves." She highly recommends such a kickoff.

OLA has started filling orders for its tool kit of information to support @ your library and will be producing over a dozen items to encourage every library to use the brand. It is a great place to kick-start your ideas.

The OLA's @ your library Project holds a lot of promise as an advocacy tool and a vehicle that is inspiring not only Ontario but, as Larry Moore experienced first hand in recent national and international meetings, libraries of all types across Canada and the U.S. Even Europe seems to be coming on board. By the way, did you see Larry being interviewed about the brand and its use in libraries on *MediaTelevision*?

Portfolio: SUPER CONFERENCE

led by Rose Dodgson

How to equal or even surpass the smashing success of this year's 100th Anniversary Super Conference 2001. Rose Dodgson has already spent countless hours planning to make certain that we do just that!

Amazing things are already in the works for the year 2002. Recent meetings to finalize the program had the enviable task of selecting from some 90 written proposals, almost double the number of proposals required. "Unbelievable!" exclaimed Rose Dodgson, OSLA co-chair. "And such quality!" So plans are well on the way to meet a similar high standard of success at next year's Super Conference 2002, January 31st and February 1st and 2nd in the Toronto Convention Centre. Mark those dates for another incredible learning experience.

Portfolio: SPECIAL PROJECTS

The OLA Action Plan for School Libraries

The OLA Action Plan to address the crisis in school library funding, program and staffing continues to develop. The Presidents from each division across OLA formulated the initial plan and timeline. The OLA Board of Directors is backing the project with not only enthusiastic blessings but with funds. A researcher, Marjorie Mitchell, has already been hired to work this summer on a number of areas including a thorough literature search of the research that links student achievement and school library programs, existing provincial data, costing our own survey, etc. Marjorie has already shared a draft report and has fed the committee annotated lists of some very informative and interesting web sites for consideration in the work.